
Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 30.10.2022

The Narrows Landing, Waikato

Attendees

Trustees: Lala McCarthy, Bobbie-Jane Cooke, Karen Walker, Marta Willis, Kristin White

Contractors: Alesha Hobbs - Golden Bay Rep and Administrator

Vivienne Oliver - Wellington Rep and Website and Design Administrator

Apologies: Trustees Andrina Palmer and Ali Woodhouse

Teresa Watson - Secretary Manawatu HBA

Ariana Walker

Rebekah Matsas

Louise Ogle

Saritta Burney

Jacquelyn Paki - LMC Māori Midwife ki Tamaki

Robert (could not read surname) - Kaumatua


Crete Cherrington - Midwife, Taitokerau

Brenda Hinton - Tāmaki Makaurau

Anne Sharplin - Midwife, Tauranga Moana

Karene Clark - Midwife, mandated, Waikato

Rachel Pearson - Home Birth Hawkes Bay



Sara Dwyer - Far North

Karen Donald - Coromandel

Michelle Goodlow - Whakatane

Janet Sergeant - Tāmaki Makaurau

Carla Sargent - Tauranga

Summer O'Brien - Tairua Coromandel

Tandi Baylie - Taitokerau Midwife

Dianne DeEstene - LMC, North Waikato

Holly Neilson - Auckland Home Birth Trust

Rose Fisher - Auckland Home Birth Trust

Luce Kinzett - Auckland

Megan McNeill - Timaru

Sophie Moskowitz - Tāmaki Makaura, Auckland Home Birth

Kirstie Lightfoot - Home Birth Canterbury

Sophia Paskell - Local witch, Tauranga

Megan Lloyd-Smith - Auckland

Rosie Dawn - Nelson, Nelson Home Birth

Jenna Shaw - Hamilton

Rhiannon Leach - Waikato Home Birth Association

Sharon Robinson - Taranaki

Rebecca Schwieters - Taranaki

Agenda

1. Welcome from chairperson followed by karakia timatanga and/or waiata.

2. Brief introduction of trust and trustees.

Motion: That Marta Willis and Kristin White move from apprentice trusteeship to trustee position.

Moved: Karen Walker

Seconded: Lala McCarthy

CARRIED: Yes

3. Confirmation of Attendees, Apologies and Quorum.

Alesha to pass around a sheet for attendees to list their names.

Trustees Ali and Andrina were unfortunately unable to attend due to personal circumstances.

4. Additions/amendments and approval of the agenda.

None.

5. Amendments and approval to the minutes of the previous AGM. (See attached)

Motion: “to approve the minutes of the previous AGM”



Moved: Alesha Hoobs

Seconded: Karen Walker

CARRIED: Yes

6. Matters arising from the previous AGM minutes.

No

7. Board report and Financial report, including annual financial statement from accountant.

Lala shared the Board Report, as per notes from the HBA report to the MoH. These can be made available on request.

There was some discussion and questioning regarding how HBA interacts with (birth related) businesses now that social media has become a larger component of the trusts communication with the home birth community. There was concern about a lack of policy and the favouring of friend's businesses and issues along these lines.

Bobbie-Jane explained that while some businesses have been tagged if they have given products for Home Birth/ Midwife give-away campaigns, HBA is not actively advertising/ promoting businesses.

Brenda Hinton proposes the motion to draft a policy around advertising other businesses for the protection of HBA, the social media administrator and the protection of women's businesses. Who would we accept gifts from for promo?

First:

Second:

Carried: Yes

Alesha shared and discussed the financial report. The financial reports are available on the Charities NZ register.

Through discussing the annual expenditure and income, those in attendance asked questions to get a better understanding of how the trust is currently operating. This included:

- The annual income received from MoH/ HealthNZ has not increased since the first contract between them and HBA. Acknowledging the challenges of this when considering the cost of inflation.
- It was suggested that funding be put aside to contract someone to apply for grants, as HBA is a charity and eligible for them.
- Questions about the contract with MoH/ HealthNZ. When was it last signed, how often does this happen, does it stipulate what HBA can and cannot say publicly?
- This led to discussion that the only change to the contract over the last 6/7 years was that in 2020/21 HBA was no longer obliged to maintain a midwifery database on its website. The database had become outdated and it was not economic for the trust administrator to maintain it. A link to the NZCOM Find Your Midwife site is to be added to the new HBA website instead.
- Karen asked how HBA could then list home birth midwives who aren't registered with NZCOM. Alesha said she would contact Karen to discuss this valid point and has added it to the next trustee meeting agenda.
- Rachel was interested in a breakdown of what grants had been given to the regions over the year and suggested this information would be good to have available at AGM. There were notes in the Chairperson's report but these were missed. HBA will make note to provide this in future.

Motion: “to approve the annual Financial Report”

Moved: Alesha

Seconded: Rachel

CARRIED: Yes

8. Election of officers - chair / treasurer / secretary.

(This part of the meeting needs to be chaired by a neutral person, not a trustee)

Co-Chair:

Motion: “to confirm that Bobbie-Jane Cooke and Lala McCarthy remain as co-chair.”



Moved: Alesha Hobbs

Seconded: Holly Neilson

CARRIED: Yes

Treasurer:

Motion: “to approve that Ali Woodhouse remains as treasurer”

Moved: Alesha Hobbs

Seconded: Arianna Walker

CARRIED: Yes

Secretary:

Motion: “to approve that Alesha Hobbs remains as secretary”

Moved: Lala McCarthy

Seconded: Kristin White

CARRIED: Yes

9. General Business • Matters arising

2023 Te Tau Ihu have offered to host in Whakatu, with the collaborative support of Nelson, Golden Bay and hopefully Motuka home birth groups. The intention is to have an overnight 2 day event, to allow more time for connection, the sharing of regional groups and home birth herstory.

10. Meeting closed. Karakia whakamutunga.